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TO : All District Directors

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FROM : Argyle R. Mackay, Commissioner of Immigration and Naturalization

SUBJECT: Preexamination of German and Austrian Scientists and their Dependents (Paper Clip Program)

Heretofore the Central Office has exercised exclusive jurisdiction over applications for preexamination submitted by the Joint Intelligence Objectives Agency in behalf of German and Austrian Scientists and their dependents admitted under the Paper Clip Program. Effective immediately all of such applications for preexamination will be adjudicated by the district offices in accordance with 8 CFR 142. The Joint Intelligence Objectives Agency will hereafter submit the applications for preexamination directly to the appropriate district offices.

The application will be accompanied in each case by a dossier covering one or more applicants prepared by the Joint Intelligence Objectives Agency. Applications which are submitted in behalf of scientists who were admitted on or prior to September 23, 1950, will be accompanied by a report on the alien prepared by the Criminal Division of the Department of Justice concerning the security phase of the case. Applications of the dependents who were admitted on or before September 23, 1950 and of all subject aliens admitted subsequent to that date will not be accompanied by the Criminal Division report, and in lieu thereof the district office should secure the required security reports. The aliens' files should be requested from the Central Office on Forms G-50 if the files have not already been decentralized.

The applicants' eligibility for preexamination should be determined in accordance with 8 CFR 142.1 (a), (b) or (c). The application of any such alien who cannot meet the residence requirements of 8 CFR 142.1 (a) or (b) should be considered as exceptionally meritorious in view of the interest of the Joint Intelligence Objectives Agency.

After final action has been taken on the applications, a copy of the notice of approval or denial should be sent to the office of the Joint Intelligence Objectives Agency that submitted the application to the district office. Thereafter, if

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approved, the Joint Intelligence Objectives Agency will make arrangements with the district office to have the alien appear for preexamination. When an application for preexamination under this program is approved, a copy of the notice of approval should be sent to the Visa Division, Department of State, Washington, D. C., attention of Mr. Frank Walters. The usual notice should also be sent to the American Consul.

In paragraph V of a memorandum dated June 20, 1951, under the above file number, concerning the admission to the United States and adjustment of status of German and Austrian specialists, you were furnished instructions concerning such aliens who wish to apply for immigration visas at American Consulates located in Mexico. In such cases, however, the Joint Intelligence Objectives Agency hereafter will submit Form I-55 and accompanying papers to the District Director having jurisdiction over the alien's place of residence. Thereafter an interview will be accorded the alien to determine his admissibility under the Internal Security Act of 1950. If found admissible, the examining officer will notify the proposed port of entry that the alien has been found admissible under that Act and forward to that port all papers that have been submitted by the Joint Intelligence Objectives Agency. Upon receipt of those papers at the port of entry the port will telegraph the office of the Joint Intelligence Objectives Agency which submitted the application that the papers have been received and that the alien has been found admissible. Thereafter the Joint Intelligence Objectives Agency will make all necessary arrangements. It will not be necessary in such cases to notify the American Consul in Mexico since the State Department will be notified by the Joint Intelligence Objectives Agency. It will be unnecessary to notify the Central Office of the action taken in these cases. All instructions contained in paragraph V of the memorandum of June 20, 1951, which are in conflict with the foregoing are hereby withdrawn.

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